

## House Resolution No. 4747

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous respect and heartfelt appreciation that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in order to recognize Tonya Arnzen who will read the Bill of Rights during the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly's House Swearing In Ceremony to be held on January 5, 2005, in the House Chamber of the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

**Whereas**, the Bill of Rights - the first ten amendments of the Constitution of the United States - ranks alongside the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence as one of the nation's most treasured documents; and

**Whereas**, during the debates on the adoption of the Constitution, its opponents repeatedly charged that the Constitution as drafted would open the way to tyranny by the central government and they demanded a "bill of rights" that would spell out the immunities of individual citizens; and

**Whereas**, on September 25, 1789, the First Congress of the United States therefore proposed to the state legislatures 12 amendments to the Constitution that met arguments most frequently advanced against it; and

**Whereas**, the first two proposed amendments, which concerned the number of constituents for each Representative and the compensation of Congressmen, were not ratified; and

**Whereas**, since its adoption on December 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights has served as the cornerstone of basic American freedoms; and

**Whereas**, the Bill of Rights' laws specify the fundamental rights and most cherished liberties of the American people and protect them from the whims of popular majority opinions and abusive government officials; and

**Whereas**, a constituent of Speaker-elect Rod Jetton, Tonya Arnzen is a senior at Leopold High School in the Leopold R-III School District:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Tonya Arnzen who will take part in the House Swearing in Ceremony on January 5, 2005; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Tonya Arnzen.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rod Jetton  
Speaker Pro Tem  
District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4747, adopted January 4, 2005.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker